

# Diocesan Financial Review



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My dear Sisters and Brothers:

St. Thomas Aquinas defined humility as the rational pursuit of excellence. This kind of true humility acknowledges that all good comes from God and that we, as His people, must use the gifts which have been given us, with boldness and generosity, to minister to and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christians are called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to his people who are the crown of Creation. As stewards then, we must not hide the blessings of God in darkness, but rather make use of them to let the light of Christ shine in our lives and for those around us. As your Bishop, I am accountable to you for my work. While the Office of Bishop is primarily spiritual, I serve in a human world and so need material assets to carry on the Church's mission. I share with you this financial report for the diocesan offices and programs for Year Ending June 30, 1982. It is your report, as well as mine, for you work with me in making possible these diocesan services which no one parish or group of parishes can provide by themselves.

After a detailed audit of Diocesan Financial Records by the international accounting firm of Price Waterhouse, I am happy to report to you that an operational surplus of \$296,000 was experienced for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982.

Several factors caused this surplus including the generosity of the people of the Diocese in supporting the Bishop's program through the Thanks Giving Appeal, the continued high interest rate earned on short term investments and the aggressive cash management program relative to diocesan investments. This surplus reduces somewhat the effect of operational deficits incurred in the past four years of \$349,000.

Your generosity makes this report and the good works it represents possible. I thank you for this and I will remember you and your loved ones in my prayers. In return, I ask you to pray for me and for one another that together we may continue to love and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in our Diocese.

Your brother in Christ,  
*Matthew H. Clark*  
Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, D.D.  
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